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SUBJ: GOT SPOKESMAN ATTRIBUTES ELECTION OF FORMER FOREIGN
MINISTER KODJO AS OAU SECRETARY GENERAL TO TOGOLESE PRESIDENT
EYADEMA

REF: STATE 197787

1. SEPTEMBER 6 ISSUE OF LOCAL PRESS REPORTS INTERVIEW
IN TUNIS WITH TOGOLESE INFORMATION MINISTER JOHNSON.

2. JOHNSON ATTRIBUTED KODJO'S ELECTION AS OAU SECRETARY
GENERAL TO RESPECT OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES FOR EYADEMA'S
POLICIES. AS EXAMPLES, HE NOTED THAT EYADEMA HAD
SUPPORTED NIGERIAN UNITY DURING BIAFRAN WAR, OPPOSED A
DIALOGUE WITH SOUTH AFRICA, AND CO-FOUNDED ECBWAS
(INCLUDING NON-AGGRESSION AND DEFENSE PACT). JOHNSON
ALSO NOTED THAT TOGO WAS AMONG THE FIRST COUNTRIES IN
AFRICA TO RECOGNIZE THE PRC, AND THE FIRST IN THE REGION
TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH ISREAL AND DEVELOP COOPERATION
WITH ARAB NATIONS. JOHNSON ALSO OUTLINED EYADEMA'S
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PEACE MAKING EFFORTS BETWEEN NIGERIA ON THE ONE HAND AND
IVORY COAST AND GABON ON THE OTHER, BETWEEN MALI
AND UPPER VOLTA, AND MOST RECENTLY BETWEEN GUINEA ON ONE
HAND AND IVORY COAST AND SENEGAL ON THE OTHER.

3. COMMENT: EYADEMA'S TAKING THE CREDIT FOR KODJO'S
ELECTION IS CONSISTENT WITH HIS PERSONAL DIRECTION OF

TOGO'S FOREIGN POLICY. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN TO WHAT
EXTENT HE WILL ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE KODJO'S ACTIVITIES
AS OAU SECRETARY GENERAL. KIRKPATRICK

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